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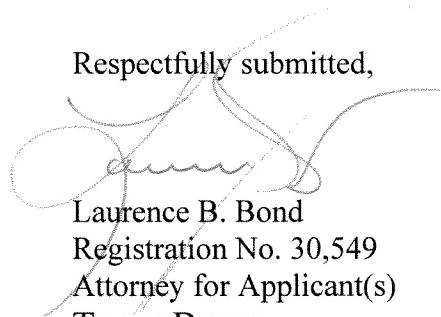
Consistent with the request of the Examiner applicant has redacted the tables and graphs from the text of the specification and introduced those same tables and graphs into the drawing figures of the application. Furthermore, applicant has amended a number of the graphs by translating the text accompanying those graphs from the Portuguese language to the English language. These translations appear in FIGs. 3-8, 10, 12 and 14-16. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. This amendment is being submitted responsive to the request of the Examiner that all tables and graphs be removed from the body of the text of the application and thereafter be introduced as drawing figures into the application. Furthermore, the instant amendment introduces subheadings into the text of the specification for clarity purposes. In addition, English translations of some of the wording on the graphs have also been introduced to render the graphs more intelligible. Some further amendments directed to correcting typographical and grammatical errors have also been introduced into the application. Entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

This amendment is submitted prior to or concurrently with the payment of the issue fee and, therefore, no petition or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Appendix A (Substitute Specification)
Appendix B (Marked Up Copy of Specification)
Replacement Drawings
Marked Up Copy of Drawings

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